

THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tuesday, the 11th February 1958.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at half-past two of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I.—EXPRESSION OF SORROW AT THE DEMISE OF SRI M. D. T. KUMARASWAMI MUDALIAR, A FORMER MEMBER OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I regret to announce to the hon. Members the death of Sri M. D. T. Kumaraswami Mudaliar, a former Member of the Madras Legislative Council. He was a Member of the Madras Legislative Council from 1937 to 1951. He was the President of the Tirunelveli District Board. He was also the President of the Madras State Co-operative Bank and played a prominent part in the furtherance of the co-operative movement in our State. He entered public life early and was connected with various public institutions in the Tirunelveli district.

We express our sorrow at the demise of the Member which I shall convey to the members of the bereaved family. I request the hon. Members to stand in silence for a few minutes as a mark of respect.

Accordingly, the hon. Members stood in silence for two minutes.

II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Officers of the Madras Educational Subordinate Service under suspension.

*5 *Q.*—SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN (on behalf of Sri V. R. Ranganathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of officers of the Madras Educational Subordinate Service that were under suspension during 1955 and 1956;

(*b*) the periods during which they remained suspended; and

(*c*) whether they were paid any subsistence allowance during the period?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) *to* (*c*) Nine officers were placed under suspension during the years 1955 and 1956. Of them, one remained under suspension for sixteen days and two others for about two years. The rest of them continue to be on suspension.

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The three officers were paid subsistence allowance while they were under suspension. The remaining six officers are being allowed subsistence allowance according to the rules.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : How is it that the Department—or whoever is conducting the enquiry—is not able to find out the truth and thus keeps them under suspension for such a long duration?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do agree that there is delay in this matter. That is why I have instructed that a Special Officer should be appointed for this purpose so that these cases may be disposed of. I am also fixing a time-limit within which any case of disciplinary action should be disposed of.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Is it an enquiry by the Education Department or by the 'X' Branch?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : In some cases 'X' Branch is also in the picture.

SRI JOHN ASIRVATHAM : May I know the nature of the charges framed against these officers?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I am sorry I do not have the details here.

Allotment of quota of Pig Iron.

* 6 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) the annual quota of pig iron allotted to this State;

(*b*) the quantity allotted to private foundries in the Madras City and in the districts;

(*c*) whether it has been brought to the notice of the Government that the quantity allotted to the foundries is inadequate; and

(*d*) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to ensure adequate supply to the foundries?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) No fixed annual quota of pig iron is allotted to the States. Every quarter, the available quantity of pig iron is being allocated on a pro-rata basis. The following allotments were made to this State in 1957 :—

	TONS.
1st quarter, 1957	375
2nd quarter, 1957	5·5
3rd quarter, 1957	217
4th quarter, 1957	217
Total ..	814.5